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in the area of poverty and it probably was a good thing. It made real men out of them. The best remedy for poverty is, is a work program or a job or a business. This is a land of opportunity, let's not kill their initiative to acquire a job or a business. Right now it is almost impossible to hire folks to carry papers, rake yards and etc., etc. They just don't have to do those things because there is no--necessity, they're getting enough aid that they don't have to do these things and I think this is putting a lot of idle folks in the area of probably 12, 13 and 14 years olds on the street and it's a, they're bound to get into trouble. Now where, I don't know, I think probably Senator Schmit's bill, 235, would come nearer to the solution and I think Senator Chambers' bill probably goes a little bit too far so I would probably like to kill this bill and consider Senator Schmit's bill, L.B. 235.

SPEAKER: Senator Simpson.

SENATOR SIMPSON: Mr. President, Members of the Legislature, I would oppose the kill motion. I think it's important we remember we're talking about, in the welfare area, unfortunate people and this is not necessarily of their own doing, but sometimes I'm reminded in going through my own area that there but for maybe one paycheck go many people. I think that it's important to understand that common working people do not have resources to bide them through bad times and an event could happen to a family anytime that could cause them to become a part of this program. The important way, I think, to get people back off this program, is to give sufficient resources that they do not go downhill and build up a bunch of debts and then get into an area of utter futility. I think that we should remember the short period of time that the average person is on ADC and it is working to some extent now. We can help that by increasing by some amount the payments.

SPEAKER: Senator Frank Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Mr. Chairman and Members of the Legislature, from a parochial point of view and the makeup of my district, the smart thing for me to do is vote no, not only on 185, but 235, but I think that opposing the kill motion, I'd say to you this is a real viable issue and I think it's a little premature to kill it. I think we're going to have to face the problem that it takes so many dollars to survive and as inflation continues to eat at everyone, it affects all of those, whatever their source of income is. I'd say to you that I agree with those that suggest that those that are receiving money illegally or under false pretenses, shouldn't and I think they should be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. However, I think in addressing ourselves to the serious question of those people in this State that do not have the resources and cannot provide the resources for survival, I think we better take a long hard look at it and I think we need to look very carefully and study very carefully 185, 235 and other ultimate solutions because, believe me, closing our eyes will not make this problem disappear so I say to you that the easy and quick solution may be to kill 185 but I think this is probably going to be one of the major issues that faces this Legislature this session as how we are going to treat this problem so I'd suggest to you it's premature on the part of Senator Goodrich to suggest that we close off the motion. I was also interested to note that many of us when we look at our backgrounds and our work experience and our own poverty, many of us tend to recall as we get older, the poorer we were. I even make up some of those stories much like, the older we get, the better athletes we were. I was about the 8th man on a basketball team fifteen years ago and as I recall it now I was the star even though I played a minute and two seconds my entire senior year so I think we have to put this